

# **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

July 1, 2020

## **Board Attendance Record**

William Dryburgh 5/7  
Don McCormick 6/7  
Kay Tvaroch 7/7  
Debra Anlauf 6/7  
Erick Toth 6/7  
Maria Greenberg 6/7  
Fred Pazona 7/7

## **Present**

Don McCormick  
Kay Tvaroch  
Erick Toth  
Maria Greenberg  
Fred Pazona

## **Absent**

Debra Anlauf

## **County Representatives**

Emily Lewis, Deputy County Administrator  
Tommy Scott, Director  
Tina Powell, Natural Resources Manager  
Maureen Broderick, Recreation Manager  
Mike Koenig, Resource Manager  
Ashley Turner, Graphics Specialist  
Kathy Koroschetz, Administrative Assistant

## **Guests**

Dave Gammon  
Joshua Hudson

- Chairman William Dryburgh welcomed members, staff and visitors to the meeting.
- Roll Call
- Minutes  
Motion to approve the 2020 March Minutes made by Don McCormick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erick Toth and was unanimously approved.

- Division Reports – February, March, April & May 2020
  - Fred Pazona commented on how well the reservation system for the pools is working. Fred suggested this reservation system may be something to consider keeping permanently.

- Old Business

- Melbourne Street parcels** – Dave Gammon, Economic Development Director and Joshua Hudson, Redevelopment Manager gave a presentation on the next steps for the Melbourne Street parcel.

Dave Gammon reminded the Board that the Melbourne street parcel is 3.6 acres on Tamiami Trail and is zoned Charlotte Harbor Riverwalk. In July of 2016 the BCC gave permission to purchase the land at 4.5M for two purposes, one being access to Live Oak Point and two to resell. The parcel was then purchased in September 2016. Sunseeker wanted to use that side of Tamiami Trail in their development, but that interest lessened.

Dave Gammon showed renderings of Waterside Park that was presented to the BCC, which offers a lower impact use of the land by developing a 3-story building including a commercial building with shops, boat rentals, etc., and views of the water from Tamiami Trail, while keeping a park like setting.

It has already been presented to the CRA Advisory Committee, the Advisory Committee and the BCC. Dave stated we have until July 27<sup>th</sup> to receive offers and he is expecting to have 3 or 4 very interesting offers.

Dave Gammon said it would be very helpful for the PRAB to weigh in with what they would like to see happen with this property in terms of development. Dave Gammon told the Board, if they want something on a low impact scale with a park like feel he suggested they redraft the letter sent to the BCC or submit another.

- Fred Pazona asked if William Dryburgh being a commercial real estate agent, had any past business deals with Waterside Park or the Laishley's, and if so, he asked that Mr. Dryburgh recuse himself. William Dryburgh replied no he did not.
- Fred Pazona asserted that the PRAB only makes recommendations to the BCC. Mr. Pazona raised concerns of comments made by a commissioner during the Charlotte Harbor CRA meeting. Discussion ensued, the PRAB chose to take no further action at this time.

- New Business

- Award Acknowledgement** – Tommy Scott informed the members of awards that the County puts in for every year with National Association of Counties (NACo) and was pleased to announce that this year four awards were received for Home School PE Program, Kids

Fest, Rec 2U and Annual Team Builder. Also, an individual award for Outstanding Volunteer of the Year for giving significant contributions of time and talent was awarded to Mr. William Dryburgh.

**II. COVID Update** - Tommy Scott gave the Board Members an update on re-openings at Charlotte County since the closings in March due to COVID.

- Sports Council Update by Erick Toth
  - No meetings over past few months
  - Several clubs are holding practices abiding by new guidelines with limited access with no full operations at this time.
- Member Issues
  - Fred Pazona suggested recommendation of a remembrance to Katherine Ariens and John Hitzel for their efforts and contributions to Parks and Recreation and would like to have something within the parks named after them. Tommy Scott agreed to bring a picture of the two areas being considered (Dog Park at Edgewater for Katherine and an amenity at Spring Lake Park for John) along with the paperwork for a renaming recommendation to the August PRAB meeting to be approved, and then it will go to the BCC for approval.
  - Fred Pazona suggested a soft opening for the new pool at Centennial Park. Tommy Scott replied that this cannot happen until we have an Aquatics Coordinator which we are actively recruiting at this time.
  - Don McCormick asked about the in-person meetings for this Board resuming at Centennial Park or virtual. Tommy Scott replied he is open for discussion on this, and virtual meetings can be set-up if the Board agrees to that. For now, the Tringali Community Center offers the space needed be able to social distance, since our recreation centers have Summer Camp going on in the multi-purpose rooms.
  - The Board agreed to have the August meeting back at the Tringali Community Center and then resume meetings at Centennial Park in September.
  - Don McCormick asked when 1120 O'Donnell Blvd will officially change to Centennial Blvd. Tommy Scott replied it is now officially Centennial Blvd.
- Directors Report
  - Tommy Scott expressed to the Board how great it was to see everyone again and hoped everyone's families are well and asked that everyone continue to stay safe.

- Citizens Input
- Announcement
- Adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

CC: Commissioner Ken Doherty, District 1  
Commissioner Chris Constance, District 2  
Commissioner Bill Truex, District 3  
Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch, District 4  
Commissioner Joe Tiseo, District 5  
Hector Flores, County Administrator  
Emily Lewis, Deputy County Administrator